Further for the year 2006-07, orders for procuring drugs for 85,000 patients have been placed. They are likely to reach the designated centres by the end of May 2006.

Leaving of doctors from AIIMS

2974. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exodus of top talented doctors, financial mismanagement and unrest among the faculty of AIIMS has deteriorated the functioning of the Institute;

(b) if so, whether at least 75 faculty members have left AIIMS during the last ten years;

(c) whether recently four senior doctors have left and many are ready to leave;

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to restore its proper functioning and also to meet their demands; and

(e) what are their main demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has reported that during years from 1995 to 2006, around 75 doctors either resigned or voluntarily retired. On an average, 7-8 doctors leave the Institute, every year. This is not a new phenomenon, which is normally expected in a centre of excellence, in any competing values frame work.

Maternal deaths

2975. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that UP alone accounts for close to 40,000 maternal deaths per year, followed by Orissa, Rajasthan and other States, and further between 4 and 5 million women suffer ill-health due to child bearing complications;